# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4592
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SPICE PARKS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) the current status in regard to functioning of spices park in the country particularly in Puttady, Idukki in Kerala along with the funds sanctioned and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to implement an e-auction centre for spices in such park; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Status of Spices Parks established by the Government through the Spices Board are as follows :-

| Sl. No. | Location | Source of Fund | Estimated Project Cost (Rs. Crore) | Estimated Expenditure (Rs. Crore) | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh | Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE) | 20.00 | 20.50 | Completed in 2009 and is functional |
| 2 | Puttady, Kerala | Central Plan | 27.00 | 28.40 | First phase is completed in 2011 and is functional. Additional facilities proposed in 2013 have been completed and trial operation has started. |
| 3 | Jodhpur, Rajasthan | Central Plan | 28.00 | 29.50 | Completed in 2012 and is operational on user fee basis. |
| 4 | Guna, Madhya Pradesh | ASIDE | 26.50 | 29.00 | Completed in 2013 and is operational |
| 5 | Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu | Central Plan | 20.00 | 19.50 | Completed in 2013 and trial operation has started. |
| 6 | Guntur, Andhra Pradesh | Central Plan (With Assistance from State Govt. | 23.00 | 21.00 | Completed and trial operation has started. |
| 7 | Kota, Rajasthan | ASIDE | 15.00 | 9.00 | Work in progress |

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(b) & (c): The Spices Board establishes auction centres at appropriate locations according to need and feasibility. The Spices Board has already issued licenses to auctioneers to conduct e-auction/manual auction for cardamom (small & large) at Spices Park, Puttady in Kerala. The Board also runs an e-auction centre at Bodinayakanur in Tamil Nadu.